

VILLAGE OF TOLONO, ILLINOIS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were President Rob Murphy, and Trustees Buffo, Grady, Robbin, Jack Haluzak, and Stuber. Absent was Clerk Dalton. Village Attorney Marc Miller took minutes. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

The President lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Stuber conducted an invocation.

The floor was opened to public comment.

Engineer Larry Johnson gave an update on Village projects. He has been working with IDOT and the railroad on the viaduct project. The railroad can be challenging to work with on projects involving their own land. The Village has submitted a project development report and is waiting for a meeting on it once there is confirmation of an ITEP grant. He expects hearing about it in March/April. He suggests applying for a permit now because the process is such a long one.

There was an update from Todd Heath, Public Works Superintendent. He has about 10 candidates for the job vacancy.

Chief Livingston gave an update on the Police Department. There is an offer to purchase 2 police vehicles for \$30,000 by another police department. The Board polled itself and there is support for the sale. It will be placed on the next agenda for a formal vote. The police are adapting to the Tyler system tied to new computers in the police cars and are progressing nicely.

Trustee Robbins announced the strategic visioning on March 25th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Tolono Township Building.

There was an update on Funday. Fireworks contracts are being lined up. There will be a future ask for the Village to contribute. Money is budgeted in the current Village budget. There will be a circus in early June. There was also discussion about the Funday Committee considering not sponsoring a beer tent. Their next meeting is March 20th at 6:30pm in the Police Department meeting room.

President Murphy read the items on the consent agenda to be voted on: A. minutes of the February 18, 2025 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the February 18, 2025 executive session board meetings C. bills/warrants as presented; D. February 28, 2025 payroll; E. budget vs actual report; F. Ordinance 2025-O-5, Stop Sign Schedule. Motion to approve the consent agenda as listed, except for item B by Trustee Buffo with a second by Trustee Grady. Roll Call Vote: Buffo-yes, Grady-yes, Jack Haluzak-yes, Robbins-yes, and Stuber-yes. The motion carried.

There was consensus that there needs to be a new TIF district with support that a budget estimate be on the next agenda for approval by the Board.

There was also consensus that the Board would like to move forward with vacating the street for the parking lot at Absolute Plaza.

There was discussion about various FY2026 budget items. Its likely that there will need to be a special meeting to discuss the budget.

It was not clear what a letter received for a cell tower was about. It identified a village other than Tolono.

There was a motion by Trustee Stuber to adjourn with a second by Trustee Buffo. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.